ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image processor includes imager, compressor/expander, image memory, display memory, display and interface. Image data, representing an image captured by the imager, is input to the compressor/expander, which either compresses the image data and outputs the compressed data to the image memory or receives and expands the compressed data and outputs the ex- panded data to the display memory. The expanded data is then presented on the display. The compressed data is then re- corded by the interface on a storage medium. If the imager has captured a series of images consecutively, the image memory stores compressed data representing those images. The compressor/expander expands the compressed data and then out- puts the expanded data to the display memory so that the im- ages are presented on the display sequentially in an order in which the images have been captured, while the compressed da- ta is being transferred from the image memory to the storage medium.